



Cannock Chase Methodist Circuit



Worship for 28th March 2021

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Our Services

As always, we have prepared a Circuit Service on YouTube which will be available from 9am on Sunday 28th March. Our Worship this week is led by Graham and Karen Lowther

You can find this video at https://youtu.be/ITTF3duGf_Y

And on the YouTube Channel for Handsacre Methodist Church

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZIWX-2lycKl2FF2paXwJ1g>

If you have a Smart TV that shows YouTube just search for

Handsacre Methodist Church

We have some online worship services on Sunday which are mostly broadcast using Zoom

Chasetown Methodist Church at 10am

Contact Carol Whitson via the church email chasetownmethodist@gmail.com or use the contact form on website www.chasetownmethodistchurch.org.uk to get the connection details.

Salem Methodist Church in Cheslyn Hay at 10.15am.

Contact Mark Timothy on mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com to get the connection details.

Circuit Sunday Club at Handsacre Methodist Church at 2pm

Fun activities for all ages, games, Bible stories, prayer, discussion, craft, music.

Contact Melody Jones layworkermelody@hotmail.com for more details

Handsacre Methodist Church at 4pm

Contact Andrew Jones at andrew.melody@hotmail.co.uk to get the connection details.

Jan Burns is promoting some services using phone-in technology for **Bethel Church** and the community around them. Contact Jan on jan.burns@safeandsettled.co.uk for more details.

Barbara Sigley is also using phone-in technology in **Great Wyrley**. This is proving popular especially amongst those without internet. Contact Barbara if you want more details.

St Stephens phone in service is at 3pm every Sunday afternoon, again popular for those without internet. Contact Alison Baker, Val Ward or Barbara Brooks for all the phone numbers and how to join.

Watch on Catch-Up Chasetown and Handsacre services are posted on YouTube, so if you missed the service, you can still see what was said and sung.

Chasetown catch-up can be found at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Oo7BQCUZ_65EZXHtvOyQA.

Handsacre catch-up can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCZIWX-2lycKl2FF2paXwJ1g>.

And things are changing ... but don't worry. This bulletin will now also be found each week on our website and on our Facebook page, so it will be easier to find. And we hope that the weekly YouTube Worship will move around the circuit and therefore be on the individual churches own YouTube Channel.

Our News

Still NOT Opening Up for services - just to remind you. Because of the Lock-down III Regulations applying from 6th January 2021 our churches are strongly advised not to open their buildings for worship. Your stewards will have further details if you need them. Some churches are offering some form of worshipful gathering, on Zoom or via telephones and conference calls. The individual church stewards will know what is happening in your church, and feel free to drop into the Zoom services at Chadsmoor, Chasetown, Salem or Handsacre and phone-in services at Great Wyrley, St Stephens & Bethel where you will be made most welcome. The latest advice from the offices of the Methodist Church in London is here <https://www.methodist.org.uk/about-us/coronavirus/>



Prayer changes things. Every **Tuesday night at 7.30** there is a short prayer meeting for 30 minutes followed by a bible study. Normally about 6-9 people attend from all over the circuit. And the best way to learn how to pray, of course, is to pray regularly, and it is easier with other folk, even if you just listen. Join us at 7:30 every Tuesday on Zoom. You can use the link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7711426177>. [Melody Jones](#) has more information.

Throughout Lent the bible study will be led by Rev Jacob Donkoh and will follow our Lent Course

24-7 online prayer room - starting next Sunday 28th March

Starting on Palm Sunday, 28th March, there will be a virtual prayer room available for one week, Holy Week. It is all part of a global initiative and Lay Worker Melody Jones tells us "Our aim is for Christians across Cannock Chase to pray continuously for one week as we come together to praise God, to seek His Vision for our communities and intercede for others. The online prayer room is equipped with resources to help you to pray and you will be able to add your own prayers and images. Why not have a look? We look forward to hearing from God in powerful ways and having some amazing answers to prayer".

So, could you commit yourself to pray for an hour (or two!) over the course of the week. There will be resources to help you pray, and you might find it helpful to maybe share the hour with someone else - put them on speakerphone and pray together over the BT line! Sign up for an hour's slot here. <https://cannockchaseprayer.org.uk> Elyn has produced a **video** with **all the instructions for our circuit** <https://youtu.be/kb8PgOAsMNY>

If you want to find out more about the 24-7 prayer movement check out the website [24-7 Prayer International \(24-7prayer.com\)](https://24-7prayer.com) or why not read the book Red Moon Rising by Pete Greig, one of the founders of the 24/7 prayer movement to be truly inspired!!

Every Tuesday there is an online coffee morning from 10-12 which we call **Tuesday Chat**. This is simply an opportunity for folk across the circuit to chat together, share news and play around with the technology. All you have to do is follow this link and log on for a group chat.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89707949919>. Meeting ID: 897 0794 9919



NEW

The Methodist Church
Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury District



**** This changes every week ****

The **Wolverhampton and Shrewsbury District** of the Methodist Church, of which we are a part, have a weekly newsheet which tells you what is going on in the district.

It is always a good read and can be found here. **New this week**

<https://mailchi.mp/4ef1e8f53dd5/from-the-district-office-5427169?e=5e93f934b9>

Have fun EVERY Sunday - 2pm to 3pm

Circuit Sunday Club at Handsacre Methodist Church

Sunday School used to be a little bit boring and somewhere that our parents made us go to. Not anymore. And every Sunday on Zoom Melody Jones is leading a whole raft of fun activities for all ages, games, Bible stories, prayer, discussion, craft, music. Now this is on Zoom, so you can all watch together. It is just the thing for after lunch on a Sunday, have a story, play a game, make a craft. What is not to like. *Why not join in yourself with your grandchildren and children!!* Run by Melody Jones, so contact her at the addresses above if you would like more details.



Easter in a Bag. At Christmas we distributed bags with books and activities for young and old. And we are doing the same for Easter. Keep an eye open at your local Methodist Church for bags containing a craft, Bob Hartman telling the Easter story – he’s fab!!! – and a small egg.

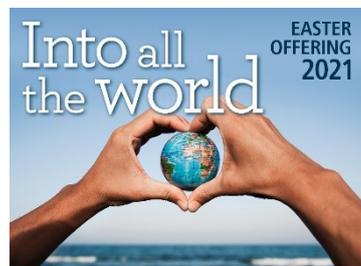
Climate Change The Joint Public Issues Team (JPIT) is made up of the Baptist Union, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, working together for peace and justice. They campaign on various issues and have produced a YouTube video relating to Climate Change. They have suggested that one Sunday should focus on Climate change and it can be found [here](#). There is also an initiative within our Methodist District to promote an **Eco-Church** and more details can be found on the Wolverhampton & Shrewsbury Methodist District Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/606175246595216/>.

This is important to some members of our fellowships so were working on this and I will keep you informed of developments.

Two job opportunities. We are **still** looking for a **Circuit Property Secretary**. In very brief summary, we are looking for someone to maintain the Manses and to help the individual Church Property secretaries in their roles. You also attend a Circuit Leadership Meeting where you report back. This is obviously a job for those of you who are practically minded and we can provide a fuller job description if you are interested.

We are also looking for a **Circuit Safeguarding Officer** as Barry Tointon is stepping down. A huge thank you to Barry as he has done a sterling job, in difficult times. This is a vital job and we would like you to think carefully and pray about this.

The first step is probably to talk to your minister, and register an interest.



Easter Offering 2021

Into All The World

Into All The World is an opportunity for churches, circuits and districts to celebrate God’s mission activity. It includes the dedication of the Easter Offering, all of which goes to the World Mission Fund of the Methodist Church in Britain, supporting and working with 65 Partner Churches around the world. More information on the Easter Offering 2021 can be found here

<https://www.methodist.org.uk/our-faith/worship/lent-and-easter/easter-offering>

If you would like to contribute to the Easter Offering, then as we are not gathering, have a word with your stewards or treasurer. Either send them a cheque or, more preferably, use bank transfer to send the money to the church account. Just make sure that your treasurer knows that this is money for the Easter Offering 2021

And importantly once again, if you need anything, get in touch, either through stewards, your minister or direct to me, mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com. We can probably help and if we can't, we probably know someone who can! ... and we're all always available to pray with you.

If you have any news that you think I should circulate then let me know as it is really great to include what is happening across our circuit. mark.timothy1@virginmedia.com

Other Worship

Home service sheets from the Methodist Church can be found following this [link](#).

Methodist Central Hall Westminster - Sundays 11.00 - www.youtube.com/mchwevents

Wesley's Chapel London live-streamed from the chapel as the Minister lives on the premises – Sundays 11am www.youtube.com/channel/UCUAUqhmhevz5sqhh72LIMxA

And if you want to try something different ...

Why not have a look at the services for the Isle of Man - [MMAST - Manx Methodists at Service Together](#).

This is their YouTube Channel and it is a little different from Cannock Chase

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQDyhDDSLuGg3Rzdvu3Ge8g>